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RESEARCH FOR IMPROVED PROSTHESES

UPON the request of Colonel Leonard T. Peterson, the Army's Director of Research on Prostheses, the Reference Division is compiling a bibliography and assembling all available foreign literature since 1925 on artificial extremities. This material is being surveyed by Colonel Peterson and the staff of the Committee on Prosthetic Devices as background for research being conducted in this country and for a proposed trip to Europe early this spring.

The references so far assembled of the Army Medical Library's holdings comprise almost 200 items, and it is assumed that when the research is completed and lists from John Crerar Library and the Committee on Prosthetic Devices are incorporated the bibliography will contain about 300 items and may be published.

The material assembled by the Army Medical Library is being used by the National Research Council's Committee on Prosthetic Devices working at Northwestern University and commercial firms working with them in the present manufacture of artificial limbs.

ANNUAL M. L. A. MEETING

Members of the staff of the Army Medical Library will speak at the Forty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association at the Yale Medical Library, New Haven, Connecticut, on 25 March 1946.

The report on the Library will include, *Army Medical Library cataloging* (Miss M. Ruth MacDonald); *The acquisition program* (Mr. Scott Adams); *Serving the professional public* (Miss Helen H. Norris); *The restoration program at the Cleveland Branch* (Dr. Max H. Fisch); *Reorganization of the Army Medical Library* (Mr. Wyllis E. Wright, The Librarian), and *A forward glance* (Colonel Leon L. Gardner, The Director).

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, A. M. L. CONSULTANTS

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library will also be held in New Haven, Connecticut, on Tuesday, 26 March, to consider legislative measures for the New Library Building.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Acquisition of foreign and American government documents is proceeding rapidly through the combined efforts of the Reference and Acquisition Divisions. Large numbers of documents, both new titles and numbers to complete broken sets are being added through the U. S. Public Health Service, the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau, the Library of Congress, and other government agencies.

Acquisitions of 1945 and 1946 documentary publications will be cited weekly in the *Current List of Medical Literature*, beginning with the March 2 number. In general, they will be listed under "Public Health" or other appropriate subject headings rather than in a separate document classification.

Particular effort is being expended to secure health reports from Allied authorities via AMG (Germany) and SCAP (Japan).

Attention is invited to lists of new medical serials published in occupied areas during the war years. These are printed in the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* for January, 1946.

It is hoped that if stack space is made available at the Library of Congress for the use of the Army Medical Library, the documents now in the Cleveland Branch can be returned to Washington.

BRAZILIAN ARMY SURGEONS INSPECT U. S. HOSPITALS

Brigadier General Florencio de Abreu, The Surgeon General, Brazilian Army, with four members of his staff is now on an inspection tour of U. S. Army medical facilities. Included in the itinerary are visits to Walter Reed General Hospital, and medical installations at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Bragg, N. C., and Halloran General Hospital, New York.

Colonel Leon L. Gardner, The Director, Army Medical Library, and Lt. Colonel R. Howard Lackey, member of the Joint Brazil-United States Military Commission, will be the Army's representatives on the tour which will continue until about 7 March.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGING SECTION

The Staff welcomes Miss Winifred A. Johnson, formerly Head Cataloger, University of Cincinnati Library, who joined the Staff as Head of Descriptive Cataloging Section, Catalog Division, on 13 February. This appointment complets the organization of this Section and fills a long existing need in the Catalog Division.

CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULES

Miss Mary Louise Marshall, Librarian of the Matas Medical Library of Tulane University, will spend the week of 18 March at the Army Medical Library in connection with new classification schedules which are soon to be put into operation.

THE MOVING FINGER WRITES

Biological Sciences and Science Technology Groups of the Special Library Association will meet jointly in honor of Colonel Leon L. Gardner, M. C., The Director of the Army Medical Library, at 6:30 p. m., 26 March 1946 at the Y. W. C. A. Colonel Gardner will illustrate his address, "The Moving Finger Writes," with motion pictures taken during his tours of duty in several theatres of war. Reservations should be made not later than 23 March with Ruby Moats, RE-4142, Ext-4030. Dinner will be served. $1.25 to SLA members; $1.50 to non-members.

A. M. L. HONORARY CONSULTANTS

Major General Robert H. Mills, Chief of the Dental Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, whose term will expire in March of this year, is one of three new assistants to The Surgeon General recently nominated by President Truman.

Brigadier General Raymond A. Kelser has been elected Dean of the Veterinary School at the University of Pennsylvania. General Kelser recently received the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his services as Director of the Veterinary Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

Colonel Harold W. Jones, USA., Ret., delivered the annual Beaumont lecture at the Beaumont Club, Yale University, on 22 February 1946. He spoke on "Early Surgical Operations."

Dr. Walton Brooks McDaniel, 2d, has recently been appointed a member of the Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library by Major General Norman T Kirk. Dr. McDaniel,

lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School and author of numerous articles on the bibliography and history of medicine, is the Librarian of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Dr. Henry R. Viets has presented the Library with a fine copy of "Sure Methods of Attaining a Long and Healthful Life" by Lewis Cornaro (an English translation of the 16th century Italian work) from his collection of Cornaro's works.

Dr. Viets has changed his office to 20 Gloucester Street, Boston 15, Mass.

Miss Mary Louise Marshall, President of the Medical Library Association, will address members of the Association on "Training for Medical Librarianship" at the annual meeting of the Association, Wednesday, 27 March 1946, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Prof. Emeritus Charles-Edward Amory Winslow of Yale University will be the speaker at the Annual Medical Library Association Banquet at the Taft Hotel on 25 March.

Dr. John F. Fulton, Professor of Physiology at Yale School of Medicine and President of the Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library, will also speak at the M. L. A. meeting on "The History of the Yale Medical Libraries."

DOCTOR DOWNS ADVERTISES
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When the chilling winds of winter
Howl amid the leafless branches,
When from out the North the Storm King
Marches with his snowy Banners,—
And with fierce and sudden conquest
Lays all summer dead before him;
Every flower and every leaflet
He lays stark and dead before him;
And the singing birds of summer
Fly away from all the Northland,
Where the air seems full of arrows,
Full of sharp and stinging arrows
That will pierce us, if we venture
But to step outside the doorway,
Then Consumption, fell destroyer,
Sallies forth to seek his victims.

Coughs and Colds are his forerunners,
Marking where success is easy;
And, where these are not resisted
But allowed to hold possession,
There Consumption, gaunt and ghastly,
Soon will make his dread appearance,
And will seize his hapless victims.

Would you have a *sure* protection
From this foe, so justly dreaded?
A protection so unfailing
That you need not fear his visits?
Go and Buy some DOWNS' ELIXIR,
Some real N. H. Downs' Elixir;
Made from all most healing Balsams
Found in all the Northern forests,—
Balsams of the Pine and Fir tree;
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Standing near the Champlain waters;
At one hundred twenty-seven,
Very near the head of Church Street,
By the firm of HENRY & JOHNSON,
Medicine men, well known to many;
And for sale at every Drug Store
Throughout all the frozen Northland.

'Tis a safe and sure protection,
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